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THE 31ST CENTURY, JUST AFTER THE LEGION'S FOUNDING...
SATURN GIRL
AKA: IMRA ARDEEN
HOMEWORLD: TITAN
ABILITIES: TELEPATHY
I'M IN GOOD ENOUGH SHAPE TO PASS THE SCIENCE POLICE PHYSICAL, BUT NOWHERE NEAR WHERE I CAN KEEP UP WITH THOSE TWO CRAZY LEGIONNAIRE BOYS.
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN EXERCISING SINCE THEY WERE TODDLERS TO GET THOSE BODIES.
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CAN'T RELY ONLY ON TELEPATHY.
HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND MYSELF.
HOLD MY OWN.
CAN'T BE JUST THE GIRL.
WHEW...
COSMIC BOY
AKA: ROKK KRINN
HOMEWORLD: BRAAL
ABILITIES: MAGNETISM MANIPULATION
LIGHTNING LAD
AKA: GARTH RANZZ
HOMEWORLD: WINATH
ABILITIES: ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND DIRECTION
...THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME WORKOUT!

AHEM. EXCUSE ME, LEGIONNAIRES...
...WORKOUT TIME'S OVER.
AH--I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO--
--GO THERE.
OH.
SATURN GIRL!
SATURN GIRL!
LEGIONNAIRE!

LOOK SHARP, LEGIONNAIRES! BRANDE'S GILLIONS MAY HAVE BOUGHT YOU THOSE OVERPRICED FLY-BELTS AND SPECIAL DEPUTIZED BADGES--
--BUT THEY WON'T KEEP YOU ALIVE ON REAL SCIENCE POLICE MISSIONS!
OBSERVE--EARTHGOV SET UP THE LEHIGH ROBOT ENGINEER FACILITY TO TRY TO BRING MORE MANUFACTURING BACK INTO METROPOLIS'S BACKYARD--
--AND NOW SOME OFFWORLDER NAMED ZARYAN IS RAIDING IT FOR PARTS.
STANDARD S.P. PROCEDURE IS TO TAKE POSTS AND CONTAIN. THEN SURVEY AND SUBDUE. AT THIS POINT IN YOUR TRAINING YOU'RE ONLY HERE TO--
--OBSERV--
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I THINK WE GOT INVITED TO PLAY, ROKK.
LET US HANDLE THIS!
SORRY, SARGE--WE CAN PROTECT OURSELVES!
KRACKLL
BLAM BLAM BLAM
I'LL COVER--CAN YOU SHORT THEM OUT?
SPROING
TOO MANY TARGETS.
ANYTHING YOU CAN DO MAGNETICALLY?

SPROING
THEY'RE NOT REACTING MUCH--OF COURSE THEY'RE WAY BIGGER THAN A MAGNO-BALL, BUT I THOUGHT I COMPENSATED?
SPROING
WELL, IF I'M GOING TO BE MUCH USE AS A LEGIONNAIRE, I'LL HAVE TO TRY *HARDER!*
WHAM
HOW ABOUT *THAT?*

YOU'RE AHEAD ON POINTS.
KRACKLE
BUT I WIN ON STYLE.
ARE THEY ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
WE'RE NEW TO THIS, SERGEANT ESQUIVEL--IT'S EXCITING--
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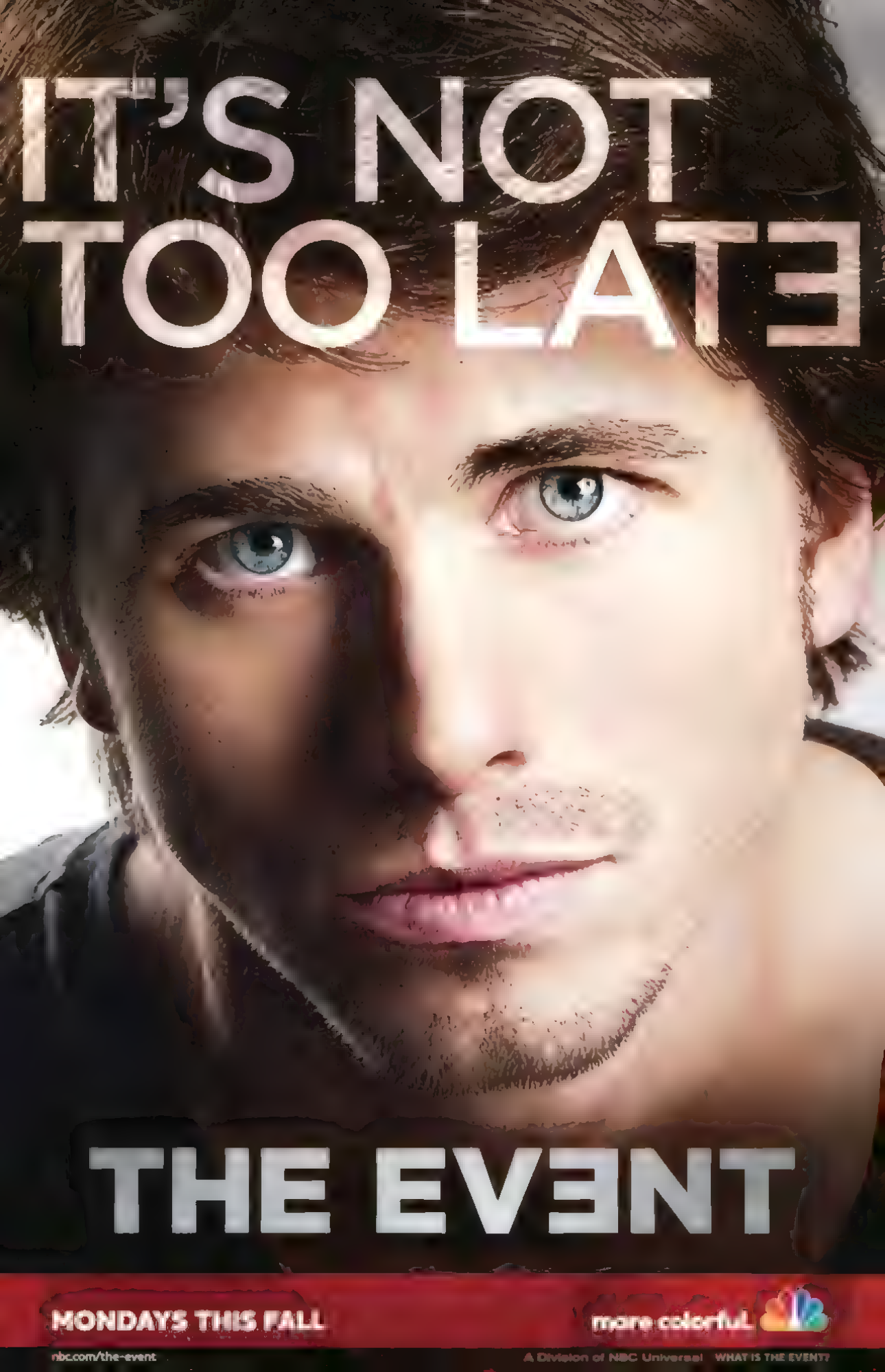
GAINING.. THEY'RE CARRYING TOO MUCH OF A LOAD...
...BUT WHAT DO I DO...
...WHEN I CATCH UP--
BOOM
STAND CLEAR, LEGIONNAIRE-- WE HAVE THIS UNDER CONTROL.
IT'S A SHAME TO DESTROY ALL THAT EQUIPMENT, BUT WE COULDN'T LET ZARYAN HAVE IT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ONLY MY PRIDE IS DAMAGED, OFFICER. AND YOU DON'T NEED TO RADIATE CONDESCENDING THOUGHTS!
THE LEGION DID ITS SHARE-- I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T PULL MY WEIGHT.
THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN.

AGAIN!
THAT'S IT--STRIKE AT THE JOINT WHERE IT'S WEAKEST.
THUMP
AND BE READY TO ROLL OUT OF THE WAY AFTERWARDS!
SWOOSH
ANY OTHER STANDARD ROBOT COMBAT MOVES?
YOU'VE PRACTICED A DOZEN, SATURN GIRL--ISN'T THAT ENOUGH FOR TODAY?
NO.

I CAN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF THE SCIENCE POLICE ABOUT ZARYAN'S ROBOT RAIDS, BUT MAYBE WITH THIS INFORMATION THAT BRANDE'S COMPANIES PROVIDED WE CAN FIND SOMETHING.
HEY, DID YOU SEE HOTZONE'S REPORTING ON PEOPLE COMING TO EARTH TO *TRY OUT* FOR THE LEGION?
AND THEY'RE DOING A PIECE ON *US*--GUESSING THAT THE TWO OF *YOU* ARE A COUPLE.
WHOA!!
SPROING
ENOUGH HOTZONE--BACK TO WORK.
THE ROBOTS CARRYING OFF ZARYAN'S LOOT DIDN'T REACT *STRONGLY* TO MY MAGNETISM--WAY LESS FERROUS METAL IN THEM THAN IN A TYPICAL ROBOT.
THE MANUFACTURING DATA I PULLED FROM BRANDE SHOWS THAT'S THE WAY THE LEHIGH FACILITY BUILT COMPONENTS--
--AND SO DO TWO OTHER FACTORIES THAT ZARYAN'S HIT IN THE LAST WEEK.
THERE ARE TWO *OTHERS* ON EARTH LIKE THAT.
WE CAN SPLIT UP--I'LL COVER ONE, YOU TWO TAKE THE OTHER.
THIS IS WHEN WE COULD USE *MORE* LEGIONNAIRES, BUT UNLESS YOU WANT TO STAY BEHIND AND KEEP AN EYE ON *CONSTRUCTION.* SATURN GIRL...
NO CHANCE.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NO ONE SHOULD HAVE THE INFLUENCE YOUR FRIEND BRANDE DOES--
--GETTING THE CHIEF TO SEND ME OUT TO TAIWAN WITH YOU, AND LT. ZENDAK WITH YOUR THUNDERING FRIEND TO SILICON BAY.
THAT'S LIGHTNING LAD...
...AND YOU REALLY DON'T MEAN THAT.
I THOUGHT TELEPATHS WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO MIND-SCAN IN FRIENDLY CONVERSATION.
I DIDN'T HAVE TO BREAK ANY RULES TO KNOW YOU'RE OUR STRONGEST SUPPORTER ON THE FORCE.
WHO NEEDED TO, SARGE?
WHOOM
HEADS UP--GAME'S ON!

THE WHOLE SHIP CAN'T BE NON-MAGNETIC--
SPROING
--AWW-- IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO WORK THAT WAY!
WHAM
OWW!
ROKK!
GOT YOU!
BACK OFF NOW, LEGIONNAIRES--I'VE SIGNALED FOR MORE HELP FROM BASE! WE'LL GET THESE ROBOT RAIDERS.

IT ISN'T ONLY ROBOTS THIS TIME-- I'M PICKING UP *THOUGHTS* FROM THE SHIP!
LET'S GO-- WE CAN HELP ESQUIVEL.
KABOOOOM
WHUMP
SPROING
AFTER YOU, LEGIONNAIRE

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WHICH WAY DO YOU THINK THE SERGEANT WENT?
SHE'S BEEN PRACTICING *HIDING* HER THOUGHTS AROUND ME--BUT THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMEONE ALIVE ON BOARD--
-THIS WAY!
YOU'D THINK ALL THIS *DAMAGE* WOULD BE CRASHING THE SHIP!
STARSHIPS ARE BUILT WITH LOTS OF REDUNDANCIES, THEY'RE VERY RESILIENT.
YOU LEARN THAT BETWEEN MAGNO-BALL PRACTICES?
FOUR *TECHNOGEERING* COURSES--WASN'T ALWAYS PLANNING TO BE A LEGIONNAIRE, Y'KNOW--AND CAN'T COUNT ON ATHLETICS TO PAY THE BILLS FOREVER.
GO--I'VE GOT THIS ONE.
SPROING

GET OUT, LEGIONNAIRE-
-YOU'RE NOT READY FOR THIS!
ZZZZPPP
ARRGG!
WHUMP
SARGE

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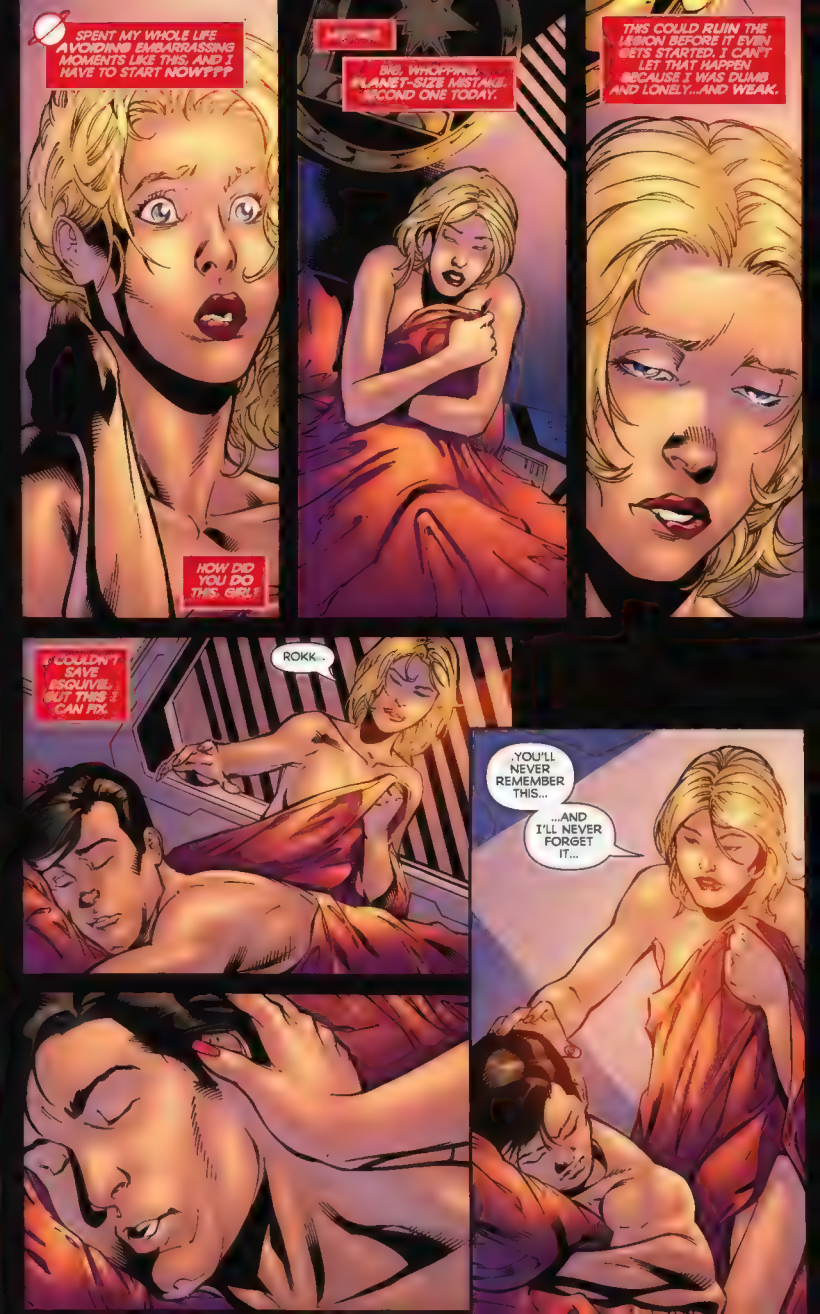
DID YOU HEAR ME, LEGIONNAIRE?
HUH?
THE CAPTAIN WASN'T ZARYAN, JUST ONE OF HIS RAIDERS.
WE'LL *GET* HIM, ROKK--FOR HER, IF OUR LEGION DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING ELSE.
AND I AM NEVER, *EVER* GOING TO LET ANYONE DIE IN MY PLACE AGAIN!
COME ON, YOU NEED SOMETHING *STRONGER* THAN YOUR USUAL KONO JUICE...
REMEMBER, I'M HERE FOR YOU.

THE NEXT MORNING...
OOOOHHH...
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE THIRD ROUND...?
OH NO.
ROKK...?
UNHH..


I SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE AVOIDING EMBARRASSING MOMENTS LIKE THIS, AND I HAVE TO START NOW?!?!
HOW DID YOU DO THIS, GIRL?
BIG, WHOPPING, PLANET-SIZE MISTAKE. SECOND ONE TODAY.
THIS COULD RUIN THE UNION BEFORE IT EVEN GETS STARTED. I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN BECAUSE I WAS DUMB AND LONELY...AND WEAK.
I COULDN'T SAVE ESQUIVEL, BUT THIS I CAN FIX.
ROKK...
...YOU'LL NEVER REMEMBER THIS...
...AND I'LL NEVER FORGET IT...

TELL ME, ROKK--HOTZONE SAYS YOU AND IMRA WERE SPOTTED SURROUNDED BY A CROWD OF LEGION FANS IN A BARCRAWL LAST NIGHT.
MY HEAD'S KILLING ME.
SIX THOUSAND YEARS OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION AND NO ONE HAS INVENTED A GOOD HANGOVER CURE?
AWW...WHOEVER WENT BACK TO QUARTERS WITH ME, THEY WERE GONE BY MORNING.
I'M NOT MADE FOR THE CELEBRITY LIFE.
NOT DOING THAT AGAIN.
WHAT ABOUT THE ICE MAIDEN?
IMRA MUST HAVE A CRAZY METABOLISM--LAST I REMEMBER, SHE WASN'T FEELING A THING...
I'M STAYING OUT OF HER WAY.

NO SECURITY CAMS INSTALLED YET, THANK THE RINGS, AND HOTZONE MISSED THE GOSSIP.
I HAVE A DEBT TO PAY A DEAD WOMAN, AND THE BEST WAY TO DO IT IS TO PROVE THE LEGION'S WORTH--AND MINE.
LEGIONNAIRES--??
BREEP
BRAINIAC 5 HERE AT THE TIME INSTITUTE. CIRCADIA SENIUS AND I HAVE THE TIME BUBBLE READY FOR YOUR TEST VOYAGE. AND THE CALCULATIONS ARE SET FOR THE 20TH CENTURY.
BRAINIAC 5
AKA QUERL DOX
HOMEWORLD COLU
ABILITIES 12TH LEVEL SUPER-INTELLIGENCE
EXCELLENT.
I SWEAR CELIBACY, AND AN HOUR LATER I FIND OUT I'LL GET TO MEET THE HERO I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON SINCE I WAS A SCHOOLGIRL.
THIS IS SO NOT FAIR.
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ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS BATMAN ASKED ME WHEN I MET HIM WAS, "HOW DO YOU BREATHE?"
I LOOKED AT HIM CONFUSED AND REPLIED, "WITH MY LUNGS...HOW DO YOU BREATHE?"
HE ACTUALLY SMILED. BUT I KNEW WHAT HE MEANT. IF I SHRINK TO SUBATOMIC SIZES, OXYGEN MOLECULES WOULD ACTUALLY BE LARGER THAN I...SO HOW WAS I STILL ABLE TO BREATHE AT
THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE. ANYTHING MY BODY COMES INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH WHILE I USE MY POWERS ALSO SHRINKS. THE CLOTHES I WEAR, AND EVEN THE AIR AROUND MY BODY AS WELL.
THAT'S THE SAME REASON I CAN'T SHRINK DOWN SMALL ENOUGH TO ESCAPE THE PATHOGEN THAT THE CALCULATOR RELEASED INTO THE AIR A FEW MOMENTS AGO. THE GERMS DIRECTLY AROUND MY BODY JUST SHRANK ALONG WITH ME.

THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR LATER. RIGHT NOW I NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE GERMS THAT WEREN'T IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH ME!
WHA-- WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME?!
IF I HAVE TO LEAVE...YOU'RE COMING WITH ME. JUST RELAX AND QUIT STRUGGLING. TRUST ME, YOU DON'T WANT ME TO LEAVE YOU HERE ALONE.
"AND THE FIRST PRIZEWINNER IS..."

...RAY PALMER!
CONGRATULATIONS, RAY!
UMM... THANKS!
RAY, I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE YOUR FATHER DIDN'T MAKE IT...IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
OH...YEAH. HE HAD TO WORK LATE IS ALL.

OH, I SEE. WELL, I'M SURE HE'LL BE VERY PROUD OF YOU. IT'S JUST TOO BAD NO ONE COULD BE HERE TO SEE YOU WIN.
I'M HERE!
AND I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU, RAYMOND.
UNCLE DAVE!
UNCLE DAVE. HOW IS HE CAUGHT UP IN ALL OF THIS? IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. IF I DON'T GET MY HEAD IN THE GAME...I'M NOT GOING TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT.

FIRESTORM USED TO TEASE ME BECAUSE MY COSTUME WAS SO "OLD SCHOOL." TRUTH IS, I MAY NOT CHANGE THE OVERALL LOOK VERY OFTEN, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M NOT ALWAYS UPGRADING IT BELOW THE SURFACE
BATMAN ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH A UTILITY BELT. MY POUCHES ARE JUST A BIT SMALLER!
TZZOOM
TZZOOM
HOLD ON!
...HARD TO FIND THE EXIT...

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...FAST!
AH, I MISSED THE EXIT!
GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE THE LONG WAY HOME. IT WILL GIVE US MORE TIME TO CHAT!
SO, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN, RAYMOND?
OKAY, I GUESS.
REALLY? YOU DON'T SOUND VERY SINCERE. YOU CAN BE HONEST WITH ME. I KNOW YOUR FATHER HAS NOT BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS.
OUR FATHER WAS THE SAME WAY.
AS HARD AS IT IS TO UNDERSTAND NOW, RAYMOND, YOU NEED TO FREE YOURSELF OF SUCH TRIVIAL CONCERNS.
YOUR MIND IS AN INCREDIBLE GIFT. ONE THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO DO GREAT THINGS ONE DAY. THINGS THAT ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY BROTHER COULD EVER GRASP.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
KNOW WHAT?
WHAT I'LL DO WHEN I'M OLDER.
MAYBE I'LL JUST BE A FIREMAN LIKE DAD.
JUST A FIREMAN, RAYMOND? YOU'VE JUST ANSWERED YOUR OWN QUESTION.
YOU WANT MORE FOR YOURSELF. AND NOTHING CAN HOLD YOU BACK.
MY DAD'S WAITING FOR ME.
YES... AND HE LOOKS NONE TOO HAPPY TO SEE ME.
GOODBYE, RAYMOND... I MIGHT NOT SEE YOU FOR A WHILE...TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I HAVE IMPORTANT WORK TO DO. BUT I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN.

I FEEL THE FAMILIAR PULL OF STATIC ELECTRICITY. THE COMPUTER IS CLOSE. I ADJUST OUR WEIGHT TO NOTHING...AND LET IT PULL ME HOME.
I JUST HOPE BARBARA IS READY...
KNOWING HER, SHE WILL BE.
CALCULATOR DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ORACLE'S IDENTITY. HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHAT I SAY...
A LITTLE HELP!
I'M ON IT!
YOU'RE LUCKY I'M PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.
KNEW... KNEW YOU WOULD BE.

NOW... WHERE WERE WE?
WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU ANYTHING? I'M GOING TO ARKHAM EITHER WAY.
IF I LET YOU... YOU'LL GO TO ARKHAM.
OR I COULD BRING YOU BACK INSIDE THAT COMPUTER AND LEAVE YOU THERE. YOU LIKE INFORMATION SO MUCH...HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME SOME?
YOU WOULDN'T...
MY FATHER JUST HAD A STROKE AND MY LIFE'S WORK'S BEEN STOLEN.
TRY ME.
...THE COLONY. IT WAS THE COLONY.

HAVE YOU...?
NEVER HEARD OF THEM.
ME NEITHER...UNTIL A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. SOME ROGUE SCIENTISTS OR SOMETHING. THAT'S ALL I KNOW. THEY PAID AND I GAVE THEM SOME GOONS TO DISTRACT YOU WHILE THEY TRASHED YOUR LAB...WANTED YOUR TECH.
THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN MY TECH..IT'S PERSONAL. SOME KIND OF GAME IS BEING PLAYED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE I CARE FOR.
HMMM...
CAN YOU GET ME PROFESSOR HYATT ON THE PHONE? I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO HIM ALL DAY. I'M SURE I'M JUST BEING PARANOID, BUT THIS WHOLE THING HAS GOT ME SPOOKED.
IT'S BUSY. I'LL TRY AGAIN.

...it's best to leave while the party is still going. And we certainly have quite a party going on as we celebrate SUPERMAN/BATMAN's 75th issue—in serendipitously enough the same year DC celebrates its own 75th Anniversary.

It's hard to believe this all started with **Jeph Loeb** and **Ed McGuinness** wanting to expand the SUPERMAN franchise from their run with a new take on a team-up book featuring the Man of Steel and the Dark Knight. In the past this was the WORLD'S FINEST, but that name just didn't seem as fresh anymore. Enter **Mike Carlin** and his observation of an interesting tattoo he had seen on his commute—in a melding of the S-shield and the Bat-symbol, the book's logo was born!

Now under that icon, some very impressive talent has made its way through its pages. And this couldn't be more true of the book that will be coming out soon. Starting with an awesome cover by **Frank Quitely**, the lead story is by **Paul Levitz**, who finally gets to team the Legion of Super-Heroes with Batman as well as Superman and Superboy, all lusciously illustrated by **Jerry Ordway**, no stranger to Strange Visitors. But this is just the beginning. What follows is a s[illegible] featuring 2-page strips. My homage to WEDNESDAY COMICS.

It starts with **Steve Seagle** and **Teddy Kristiansen** doing the only sequel they ever will to IT'S A BIRD... with "It's A Box," a story of how an editor tries to get a special section like this going. It continues with **Billy Tucci** and **Peter Tomasi** with **Gene Ha** each playing up the grand adventures of our heroes, while **Adam Hughes**, **David Finch**, **J.T. Krul**, **Francis Manapul**, **Duncan Rouleau**, **Jill Thompson**, **Michael Green** with **Mike Johnson** and **Rafael Albuquerque** and **Shane Davis** all show us how the Superman and Batman families have been inspired by these two icons. From Supergirls to super-pets, and a wild take on a Lex Luthor and Joker teaming by **Brian Azzarello** and **Lee Bermejo**, it has it all, but don't just listen to me. Go check it out!

So let the party rage—keep the music going, **Matt Idelson**—as I hit you in hard edits, muchachos: las Linternas Verde me llama.

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RING RING
DELL
AH!
WHERE IS THE METEOR?
WH-WHAT? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME, OLD MAN!
AH!
RIP THE PLACE APART. FIND THE REST OF THAT METEOR... FIND THE WHITE DWARF MATTER!
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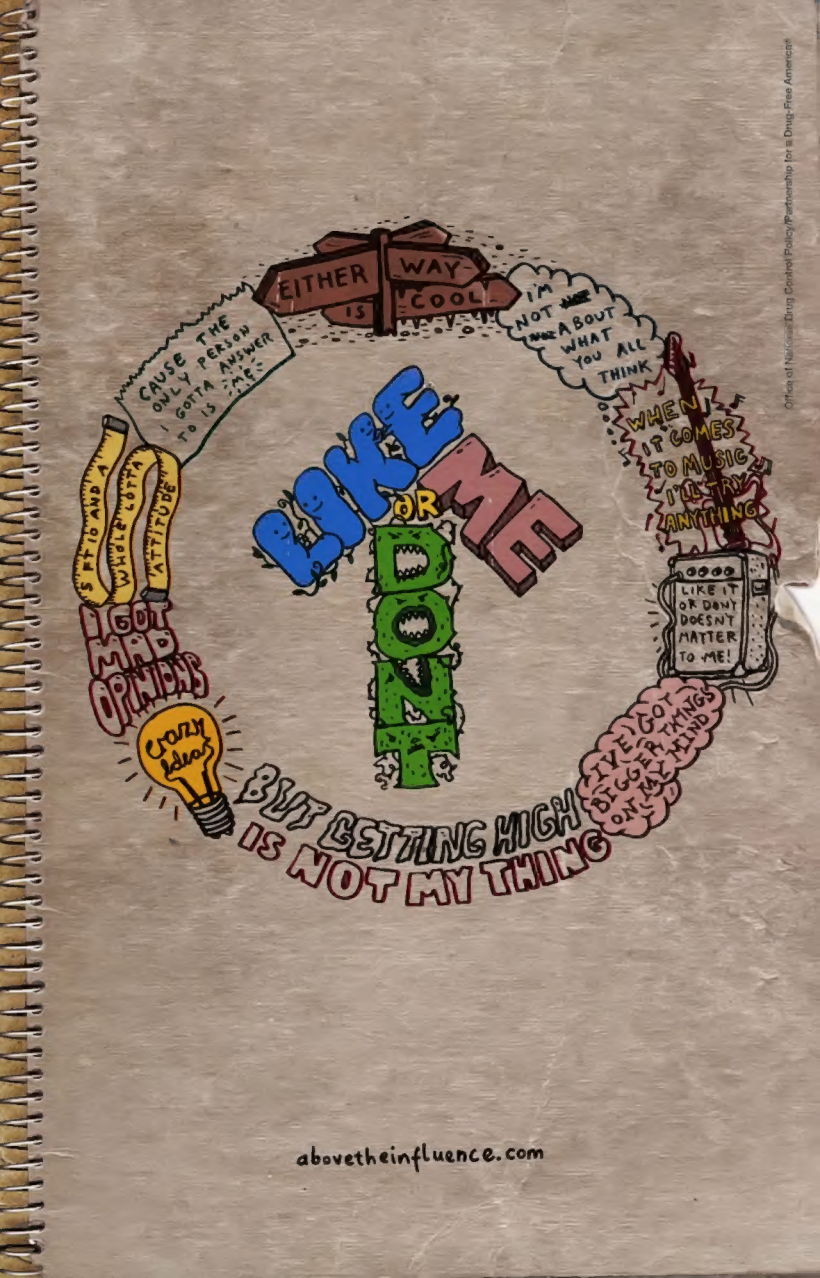
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I'M NOT MAD ABOUT WHAT YOU ALL THINK
CAUSE THE ONLY PERSON I GOTTA ANSWER TO IS ME
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LIKE IT OR DON'T DOESN'T MATTER TO ME!
I'VE GOT BIGGER THINGS ON MY MIND
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